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QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF THIRD DRAFT OF JUNE 14 DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE, WHICH INCORPORATES DRC DRAFTING JUNE 7. DRC WILL RECONVENE JUNE 12 FOR FURTHER DRAFTING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THIRD DRAFT OF COMMUNIQUE IN TIME FOR JUNE 12 DRC MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE NATO DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE MET IN MINISTERIAL SESSION ON FRIDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1974 IN BRUSSELS.

2. IN THE COURSE OF A REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION
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FACING THE ALLIANCE, MINISTERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GROWTH OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER. THEY HEARD AN APPRAISAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE DEFENCES AND ON THE

LESSONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

3. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WELCOMED THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF RECENT NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES, LEADING TO THE CESSATION OF ARMED CONFLICT AND THE HOPE OF AN EQUITABLE LONG TERM SETTLEMENT. THEY RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THE INSTABILITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND ADJACENT AREAS AND NOTED WITH CONCERN THE CONTINUING SOVIET EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PENETRATION OF THE THEATRE. THE PERMANENT DEPLOYMENT OF A STRONG SOVIET NAVAL FORCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA IS A FACT WHICH NATO WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO FACE AND WHICH HEIGHTENS THE RISK TO THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTHERN REGION AND OF THE ALLIANCE IN GENERAL.

4. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE CONTINUING UNITED STATES-SOVIET TALKS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS. THEY DISCUSSED THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION. MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED THE STATE OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS NOW TAKING PLACE IN VIENNA. IN THIS REGARD THEY CONFIRMED THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY (WITH A MORE STABLE MILITARY AND SECURITY SITUATION) AT LOWER LEVELS OF FORCES CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH AGREEMENT TO REDUCE NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES; THEY AGREED THAT SUCH REDUCTIONS SHOULD BEGIN WITH UNITED STATES AND SOVIET FORCES, AND THAT THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF MBFR SHOULD BE A COMMON CEILING ON GROUND FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION. MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE ALLIES ARE PROCEEDING FROM A POSITION OF PARTNERSHIP AND STRENGTH IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION THAT (THE OVERALL MILITARY CAPABILITY OF NATO(OR (NATO FORCES) SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST.

5. THEY NOTED WITH CONCERN, HOWEVER, THE DETERMINATION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND HER ALLIES TO CONTINUE THE STRENGTHENING OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR ARMED FORCES. THEY EMPHASISED THAT THE CURRENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF WARSAW PACT FORCES IN ALL FIELDS REFLECTS A DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE MILITARY POWER FAR IN EXCESS OF THAT REQUIRED FOR SELF-DEFENCE. IN PARTICULAR THEY DREW ATTENTION TO THE EXPANDING CAPABILITIES OF THE SOVIET NAVY AS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE AIM OF SOVIET LEADERS TO USE THIS POWER IN SUPPORT OF THEIR WORLD-WIDE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THESE ACTIONS CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH THE SOVIET UNION'S DECLARED OBJECTIVES OF DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT. (THEY AGREED THAT UNTIL THESE OBJECTIVES, WHICH ARE CERTAINLY THOSE OF NATO, ARE ACHIEVED IN THE FORM OF EQUITABLE AND LASTING AGREEMENTS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPABILITIES OF NATO FORCES TO MATCH THOSE OF

THE WARSAW PACT, AND TO MAINTAIN A STABLE BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER). (THEY THEREFORE REVIEWED AREAS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROCESS OF ASSESSING STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES OF NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT CAPABILITIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A REALISTIC VIEW OF THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO FORCES.)

6. MINISTERS HEARD A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP ON PROGRESS MADE IN CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS BY THE EUROPEAN ALLIES TO IMPROVE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE EFFORT BEING MADE BY THE DEFENCE MINISTERS OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY IN CONSULTING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING A COMMON SOLUTION FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE F104G AND OTHER CURRENT TYPES OF TACTICAL COMBAT AIRCRAFT, AND THEY WELCOMED CANADA'S EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

7. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING UNDERTAKEN INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION OF DEFENCE TASKS. THEY AGREED THAT FURTHER STUDIES ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF NATO FORCES THROUGH (RATIONALISATION AND) SPECIALISATION SHOULD CONTINUE, AND THAT ANY SAVINGS EFFECTED SHOULD BE APPLIED TO FORCE IMPROVEMENTS. THEY RECOGNISED THAT PROGRESS IN THESE KEY AREAS OF WORK WAS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT IN THE LIGHT OF GROWING PRESSURE ON DEFENCE BUDGETS AND INCREASING DEFENCE COSTS.

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8. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED RECENT PROGRESS IN THE STANDARDISATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND EMPHASISED THE

OPERATIONAL, LOGISTIC AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF THIS ACTIVITY FOR THE ALLIANCE. THEY UNDERTOOK TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD AND INDICATED SPECIFIC AREAS ON WHICH THEIR STAFFS SHOULD CONCENTRATE. THEY CALLED FOR A FURTHER PROGRESS REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THEM IN DECEMBER.

9. MINISTERS NOTED THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO ENSURE ALLIANCE CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY. THEY AGREED THAT SUBSEQUENT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS SHOULD ADDRESS AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS FOR ARMAMENTS CO-OPERATION.

10. (MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO REACH AGREEMENT PROMPTLY ON BOTH THE SIZE AND COST SHARING FOR THE NEW (1975-1980) FIVE-YEAR
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INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING TWO PRINCIPLES: (1) AGREE ON A PROGRAMME OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO MEET THE HIGH PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES; AND (2) BRING TO AN EARLY CONCLUSION CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON COST-SHARING TO RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES SHARE OF THE OVERALL PROGRAMME.)
OR

10. (MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO REACH AGREEMENT PROMPTLY ON BOTH THE SIZE AND COST SHARING OF THE NEW (1975-1980) FIVE-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.)

1. MINISTERS APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON THE INTEGRATED COMMAND STRUCTURE TO ENSURE THE MORE EFFECTIVE USE AND JOINT OPERATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION. THEY AGREED THAT THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED INITIALLY AT RAMSTEIN, GERMANY AND THAT ITS PERMANENT LOCATION SHOULD BE NEAR THE EXISTING AFCEM HEADQUARTERS AT BRUNSSUM, NETHERLANDS.

12. MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE TOWARDS OFFSETTING THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND BUDGETARY PROBLEMS CURRENTLY ARISING FROM THE STATIONING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE. THEY WELCOMED THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO OFFSET THESE COSTS, AND TOOK NOTE OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED STATES WERE CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS A SOLUTION.

13. MINISTERS DISCUSSED A GENERAL REPORT ON THE ALLIANCE

DEFENCES. THEY NOTED THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN FORCE CAPABILITIES AND REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF ANTI-ARMOUR, AIR DEFENCE AND WAR RESERVE STOCK LEVELS. MINISTERS COMMISSIONED SPECIAL STUDIES TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF NATO'S EXISTING OR PLANNED CAPABILITIES IN THE FIELDS OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE AND MODERN AIRCRAFT MUNITIONS, WITH A VIEW TO CARRYING

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OUT IMPROVEMENTS AS NECESSARY. THEY ALSO CALLED FOR ACTION TO IDENTIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. THEY AGREED TO CONCLUDE QUICKLY NEW ARRANGEMENTS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES FOR THEIR IMPROVED RECEPTION AND SUBSEQUENT OPERATION OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE.

14. MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED THE DEFENCE PROGRAMMES WHICH SUPPORT THE ALLIED FORCES, E.G. CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING, LOGISTICS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS; IN THIS CONTEXT THEY AGREED TO EXPEDITE THE PROCUREMENT OF SYSTEMS REQUIRED BY THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS (NICS) TO ENSURE THE INTEROPERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ACQUIRE TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS. THEY AGREED THAT SPECIAL EFFORTS ARE REQUIRED IN SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE OVERALL BALANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO'S DEFENCES.

15. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND MINISTERS (ENDORSED) OR (NOTED) THE FORCE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1980 EARLIER ADOPTED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION. THEY AGREED THAT THESE MEASURES WERE WITHIN THE ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES OF THE ALLIANCE. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING THE FORCE GOALS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN NATO'S DEFENSIVE AND DETERRENT CAPABILITIES IN THE FACE OF WARSAW PACT FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND AGREED TO INTRODUCE THEM INTO THEIR NATIONAL FORWARD PLANNING. (THEY RECOGNISED THAT THE PRIORITY FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENTS INDICATED BY THESE GOALS WERE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN NATO'S DETERRENT AND DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUING WARSAW PACT FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES.)

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